



Kisima Island Mission



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Kisima Junior School Hope Chapel- Mbazzi Uganda

MAY - JUNE 2022

For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:14

In Christ, Abraham's Vision of raising a nation that has faith in God is being realized today!

Despite the many trials and tribulations happening around the World, God is drawing many into His glorious Kingdom to fulfill the great promise He made to Abraham. Abraham inherited a blessing that is impacting the course of humanity for eternity to raise a nation of people of faith. The church globally is reaching people of all races and preparing them for the eminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ. In fulfilling her great commission, Christ's church today is blessed to have more tools and avenues to spread the gospel than the early disciples had. We are also faced by the challenge to reach and disciple a majority young population that is highly connected and engaged through technology but living in an anti-Christian age. As the world becomes more hostile to the gospel, young people have been predetermined to chose the patterns of the world while the church intensifies missions.

We at Kisima Island Mission Uganda have focused our efforts to build a holistic approach to reach and disciple children, youths, and families.

The need to go beyond massive evangelism to intentional one-on-one discipleship of new believers has especially been magnified by the post-COVID challenges affecting one of the youngest populations in the world. A recent study on Uganda's children revealed that over 4 Million children are depressed with many engaged in

risky sexual acts, abuse of drugs and engagement in cults. The enemy knows how to kidnap desperate young minds. During the 2 year lockdown with schools closed, children were exposed to adverse experiences that fundamentally altered their view and value of life.

As we reopened school in May for the second academic term, we have prioritized to engage the young people and their families on the aspect of mental health. As we minister to a traumatized population we are convicted that this is the finest hour to share the message of the cross of Jesus Christ. No age bracket is immune to abuse and trauma therefore every age bracket needs to receive and experience the unconditional love of Jesus. **With 6 weeks left to close term we:-**

1. Empowering our staff to fellowship with Jesus and to model Christlike character before the children and their families.
2. Creating opportunities and ensure all children from 3 to 16 year old engage with scripture, are encouraged in prayer and receive Spirit filled exposition of the word.
3. Draw close to families that are hurting, wounded and be a faithful witness to them meeting their needs as the Lord provides.
4. serve warm meals daily to fight hunger
5. Build our Integrated Talent and Sports program to enable children use their gifts to serve God and their communities.
6. Provide clean and safe water

Halfway the Year! Hooray



⇒ Today marks six months since we re-opened Kisima Junior School and by this week we have 6 weeks left to close this academic term in August 2022.

⇒ Over 300 children have benefitted from academic and skills training

⇒ Warm meals served throughout May and June 2022. Our greatest chal-

lenge this term are food prices that have increased by 40% to 50%

⇒ 15 teaching and non teaching staff are imparting knowledge and Christian values to children

⇒ 70 of our children took part in the National Agricultural Exhibition in Jinja at the Source of River Nile. Best practices in farming were exhibited by various companies and individual farmers.

Chapel service learning about Compassion



"Our staff are intentional to learn and acquire wisdom from Jesus to be able to train every child His truth and love. God is weaving new life at Kisima."

Gloria N: Head Teacher



Discipleship is an Influence Relationship

We began term two in May studying our annual Theme Jeremiah 29:11-13. Children are learning that however broken our life stories may start out or become for a moment, God's perfect plan prevails and He works all things together for good.

In the month of June we commenced lessons from The Prayer Covenant for Kids book. Every week has a theme

we've covered with a memory verse that children take to heart to impart the gospel power in their day to day lives.

God's word is challenging us give a Jesus-example to the children throughout the week that we spend with them. Our staff are intentional to learn and acquire wisdom from Jesus to be able to train every child His truth and love. God is weaving new like at Kisima

through the relationships between the teachers and children.

Studying themes such as Grace, Love and Compassion has re-introduced Jesus to the lives of children in the language that communicates God's heart for children.

Weekly chapel services on Wednesday continue to be a time for spiritual awakening and Sunday services brings children and parents together before our heavenly Father.

Introducing the Staff



Gloria N
Wycliff W-
Joan N-
Naume A-
Mariam N-
Alice A



Woweria N
Ritah B
William W
Obad B
Rose N
Rose B

Mohamed G-
Mukoyo-
Scovia N

Integrated Sports & Talent Development Program



Background

- ⇒ Extended 2 year lockdowns had diverse effects on the mental, emotional and spiritual health of many children in our community with 4 out of every 10 depressed.
- ⇒ Violence and abuse was prominent in families where we intervened and witnessed traumatized children
- ⇒ There has been increased exposure to narcotic drugs and access to cheap alcoholic beverages consumed by children as young

as 8 years.

- ⇒ Many children were separated from their birth families to come live with extended family relatives like grand parents who have been overwhelmed by the changes in behavior of the kids.
- ⇒ We've observed that children returned to school with trauma and failing to heal from it is hindering good relationships and academic excellence at school.

Sports and talent development is intended to build resilience among children to repair relationships for total healing.

Introduction

Kisima Junior School is implementing an Integrated Sports and Talent Development Program to train children and youths in leadership and build on their mental and emotional health. These will build resilience among the children, help promote an environment to repair and rebuild trust relationships.

Program Objectives

1. To inspire young people to discover their God given talents
2. To create sustainable opportunities for young people to develop their talents
3. To empower young people to use their talents to serve God
4. To equip young people to serve their communities using their talents.
5. Improve mental and emotional health
6. Use games, sports plus music to eradicate drug and substance abuse among young people
7. Use games to fight gender based violence among young people through engaging girls and boys in games that build respect for each other's strengths and creativity

Planned Activities

April 2022– Children were trained for 1 month in various sports activities which were showcased on Sports and Talent Appreciation day held on 14th April 2022

May 2022 Children played friendly matches with St Peter's Primary School Kyengera

June 2022 Children played friendly matches with St Kizito Catholic Primary School Mpigi

July 2022: Sub County Inter-schools Competitions in Mpigi town council

August 2022: Sports Camp in Kayabwe at the shores of Lake Victoria for 150 boys.

September: Music, Dance and Drama trainings

October: Music, Dance and Drama trainings

November 2022: Sports and Dance Outreaches to communities

December:2022 Christmas Party & Music Gala



Jovia



Bwanika



Wamala John

*"The waves of
sickness have
drawn us closer to
God and to the
families to seek
His healing and
appreciate the
fragility of life"*



Measles outbreaks

Child Sponsorship

We thank God for the 12 children on child sponsorship. Here are some testimonies.

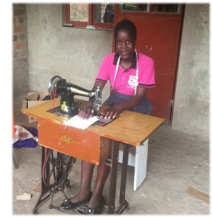
Jovia Namubiru helps her grand mum care for the goats while also taking part in netball team at school.

Sandra Namugerwa has learnt tailoring skills and is leading fellow students as the Head Prefect. Despite having dropped out of school due to a teenage pregnancy, Sandra has renewed hope to become a career teacher to help other girls overcome their vulnerabilities.

Wamala John who nearly dropped out of school because of influence from peers who invited him to start drugs now hopes to become a professional footballer and policeman. John has improved in his academic studies and is learning piggy skills.



Tracy



Nakidde aged 14 joined senior one after two years at home. She is glad to be back to school to pursue her dream of becoming a fashion designer. She has been trained in tailoring skills and serves among children on Sundays.

Medical status of children & staff

May to June 2022 has come with many medical challenges but we thank God for His healing hand that has prevailed. Outbursts of measles have significantly affected children's study. Rampant malaria with the change of season, flu, cough and infections have all affected dozens of children. At every given week we've had children on bed rest at home and some admitted to hospital.

We also thank God that with access to safe and clean water, cases of typhoid have significantly reduced. We only had two cases of typhoid in May.

We continue to conduct sensitization to children and parents on hygiene, sanitation and proper nutrition.

Partnerships

We celebrate the local partnerships through which God is opening opportunities for our staff and students to grow into the image of Christ.

1. **Children Belong in Families Partnership with CRANE-VIVA Network** is training our school and church staff and parents in evidence based approaches to promote strong families and to empower the church to become Primary Care givers to hurting families.
2. **Muduuma Children and Youths' Workers' Network.** We are humbled to be a part of the pioneer catalysts for a network for children and youths workers in Muduuma Sub County that is mobilizing children's ministers for training, encouragement and sharing tools.

3. **World Without Orphans** is coaching our team on the Roadmap to end orphanhood among children by awakening the church. From March to June 2022, WWO Global team has coached us on Living Refreshed.

4. **Christian Alliance for Orphans** through has availed free access to their online training resources which are aiding our teachers

"Through networking with churches and like minded christian organisations, God is energizing our staff and exposing our children and families to learning opportunities."

Construction Updates

May– June season has seen construction material prices increase especially in anticipation of the reading of our National Budget. The bag of cement, iron bars and other metallic construction materials have all increased price by 40%.

Nevertheless we thank God for enabling us build a septic tank

built from underground up. The walls have dried up and we are going to cast a concrete slab on which 10 toilets are going to be built to enable children have enough spaces.



Teacher Sponsorship

It is through teachers that we are imparting knowledge and Christian values to our children. Teachers sacrifice a lot of time to prepare and teach lessons, Counsel children and review work handed in by their students.

However our teachers are financially stretched with the recent inflation that has trig-

gered price increase on all basic life commodities.

We invite you to partner with us Sponsor a teacher with either \$50 or \$100 a month to enable them cover their basic needs.

Your support will enable our teachers survive to provide a decent life to his or her family. In total we are looking to

impact 15 of our staff with the eldest being 68 and youngest 28.



Photo Gallery



Children setting up a nursery bed for onions after attending National Agricultural Exhibition



Jinja National Agricultural Exhibition June



Cedric Ssebana aged 8 loves rearing rabbits



Sharif Ngobya aged 13 enjoys football.



Juliet (14) is serving her friends through hair dressing



Daphine Namuli (14) lives with her single mum, loves music and tailoring

Financial Needs

1. Feeding children \$300 per week
2. African Musical Instruments \$1000
3. Teacher Sponsorship \$50 or \$100 per month
4. Child Sponsorship \$25 per month
5. Completion of 10 Toilets \$

Kindly consider supporting our ministry to children and families with a gift of any amount and if you feel led give towards any of these items.

To give visit

<https://ugandablessing.org>

Big Ticket Fundraising Item turn to page 8

Invest in our Music

***Dance and Drama by
helping us obtain 2 sets
of these African Musical
Instruments***





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Appreciation

We thank all our friends and partners for your continued prayers, love, advice and support. Because of your support, we have been able to provide safe clean water, feed, educate, skills and disciple children and youths.

May God bless you

Patrick & Ritah Bongole

Business Tagline or Motto

<https://ugandablessing.org>

Big ticket Fundraising Item: Boys' Dormitory

I have been thinking of ***climbing Rwenzori Mountain on my birthday come 8th October 2022***. Am not a fan of climbing snow peaked mountains, in fact I have only climbed one mountain less than a quarter of what am imagining to climb. These reason I want to take this dangerous terrain is to ***fundraise for the construction of our boys' dormitory***. We envision a two story building with two levels to host sleeping area for 80 boys, toilets and urinals and a ground floor 5000 volume library / reading area.

When built this dormitory will answer the need to mentor boys. We want to keep boys in school and prevent them from

dropping out. A recent survey revealed boys walking long distances to day school have higher chances of dropping out of school.

As the boys at our upper Primary grow older, they need more time to concentrate on their studies, take part in talent development activities and be nurtured into the kind of men God created them to be. Many of our boys have grown up in the absence of fathers playing a role in their lives. The dormitory will afford us with extended opportunities to influence

their lives during school time and during holidays the space will be used to accommodate boys for sports camps.

Phase 1: \$25,834 (Ground floor & stairs)

Phase 2: \$32,000 first and second floors

Phase 3: \$6,850 Furniture, fittings & lighting

